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Not enough magic for these Dragons

Despite a 19-game winning streak and great season, Drexel is left out of NCAA tournament Students, fans feel the sting of another committee snub {pages 02, 25}

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▶ Drexel grad Marshall Fleming, front, reacted in dismay after the team was left out of the tournament.

News

Little changed in Japan a year after tsunami

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Drexel's bubble bursts

Students and alumni ponder what could have been after team is left out of the Big Dance ◗ NIT berth now awaits Bruiser Flint's Dragons for the first time since 2007

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▶ Drexel students and alumni show frustration at the Landmark Americana bar after being snubbed by the NCAA selection committee.

After sweating out Selection Sunday to see if they were able to squeak into the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1996, the Drexel Dragons' dreams were dashed yesterday.

"It hurts," said senior Anthony D'Angelo, 22, as the final brackets were announced on television at student bar Landmark Americana. "A bunch of teams made it at-large that had double-digit losses. That doesn't make any sense to me."

"I think injuries in the beginning of the season and not winning the championship game really hurt them."
JASON KOEPPEL, ALUMNUS

The snub came after a strong season. The Dragons' 19-game winning streak was snapped Monday night in their 59-56 loss to Virginia Commonwealth University in the championship of the Colonial Athletic Association tournament, sending VCU to the NCAAs and Drexel to a week in bracket-bubble purgatory.

"I think injuries in the beginning of the season and not winning the championship game really hurt them. They could have punched their own ticket," alumnus Jason Koeppel said. "It's disappointing, but we've been through it before."

The Dragons were, in part, shut out by the Saint Bonaventure Bonnies, who unexpectedly clinched an NCAA bid by beating the Xavier Musketeers to win their first Atlantic 10 tournament yesterday.

"It is what it is," said Coach Bruiser Flint after the brackets were announced. He said the Dragons need to play tougher teams to raise their RPI and that he knew they were out when he saw Iona College get a bid.

The Dragons watched the results together, Flint said, but they did not have a public viewing party. "It becomes an emotional roller coaster and you don't want them to be on that."

The 27-6 Dragons will play in the NIT for the first time since 2007. "The season is over for a lot of teams, but it's not over for us," Flint said.

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In the news

Sentencing for mugger

The man responsible for several strong-arm robberies targeting women in the Society Hill neighborhood last year is scheduled to be sentenced today. Willie Wyche pleaded guilty in January to aggravated assault, robbery, theft, simple assault and reckless endangerment of another person. Wyche, 40, committed the robberies months after being released following a 20-year sentence. METRO

In the news

Transit contract

SEPTA and the union representing its transit police are set to resume negotiations on March 21 as they try to avoid a strike, union president Richard Neal Jr. said. SEPTA's 220 transit officers have been without a contract since last March. A scheduled meeting today was postponed because the union's attorney is involved in other negotiations. METRO

Twitter madness

▶ **@dgoold**
Honest fill in the blank: Drexel is better than _____ teams in the tournament. I'm going with "at least 25."

▶ **@APgelston**
After iona makes it, drexel fan yells "joe lunardi can go f himself!" Said the whole bad word

▶ **@CJablonski17**
A little surprised Drexel isn't in the big dance. Other than that, committee did a good job picking teams.

▶ **@Ray_Jay33**
Congrats to @tumbbhoops on their number 5 seed. Who needs an A-10 championship when u can win a national one?! #owls

▶ **@SeanBlanda**
This means #Temple will get past round two, right? Please?

Report: Rendell's records seized by feds

PHILADELPHIA. Former governor Ed Rendell's financial records have reportedly been subpoenaed by Treasury officers as part of an investigation into payments he received for speaking in favor of a designated terrorist group, according to the Washington Times.

Rendell is one several high-profile politicians who have advocated for the removal of the Mujahideen-e Khalq (MEK) from the State Department's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Rendell told the Times that he is "cooperating 100 percent" with the investigation and has done nothing wrong. METRO

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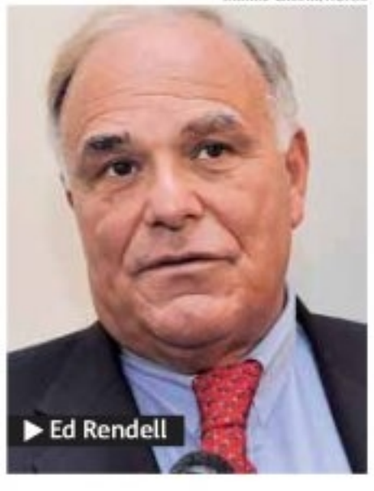


▶ Ed Rendell

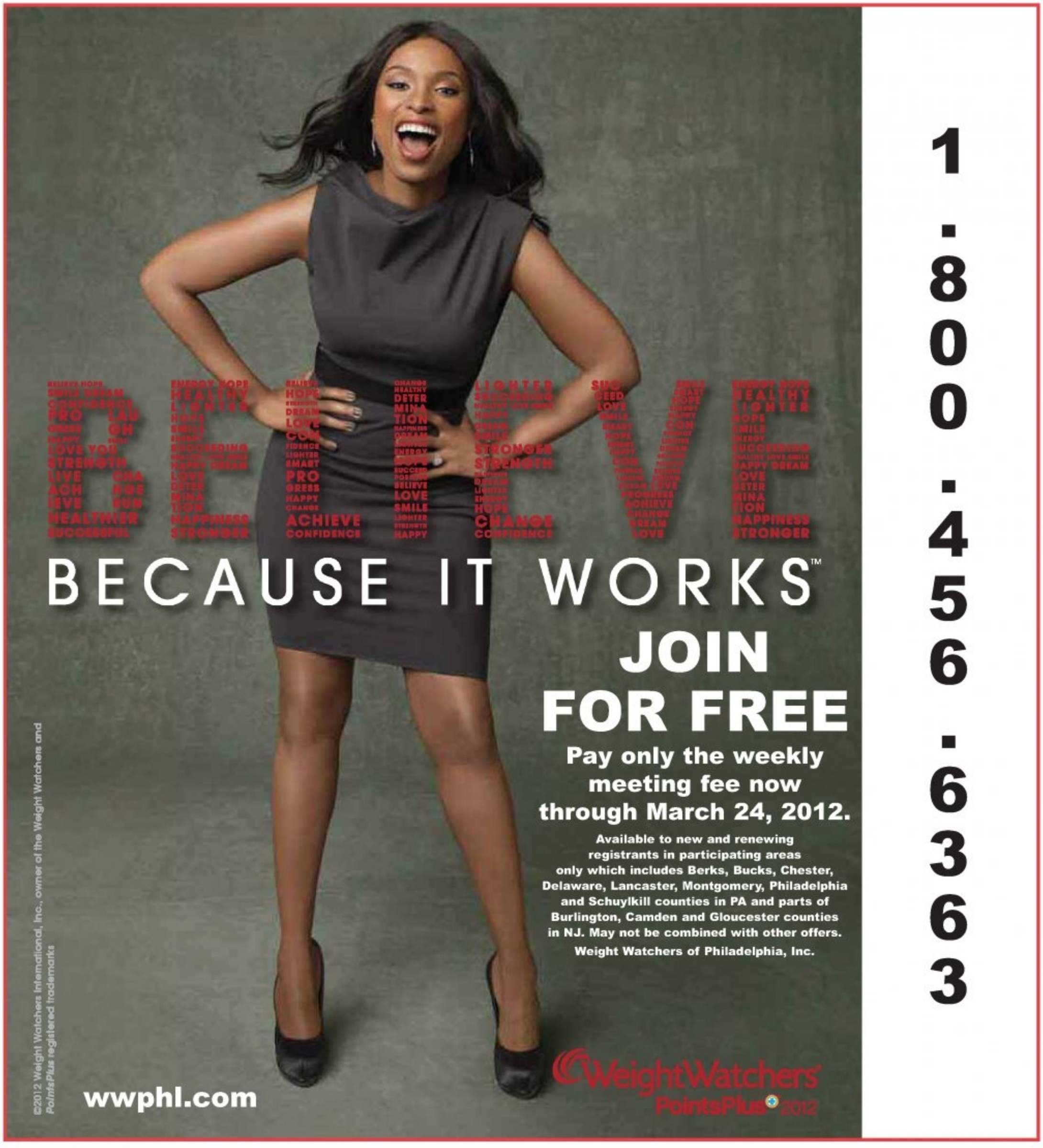
Mom, child escape from weekend Camden blaze

CAMDEN COUNTY. A mother and her young child narrowly escaped injury during a row home fire Saturday night, officials said.

Firefighters responded to the 1000 block of Princess Avenue. The mother reportedly went back into the house for the toddler. When firefighters arrived on the scene, they were able to rescue the pair. Both were taken to Cooper Hospital for evaluation, but no serious injuries were reported.

There is no word on what caused the blaze. Fire officials are still investigating

The fire was the second serious one in Camden over the weekend. METRO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Number of homicides during the weekend in Philadelphia, police said, including three people killed in two separate double shootings early Saturday morning. Robert Alvin 39, and Michael Butler, 46, were shot at 17th Street and Susquehanna Avenue, and Adolf Bradford, 25, of Edgewater Park, N.J., was shot in a car at Christopher Columbus Boulevard and Christian Street. Two people also died in an apparent murder-suicide Saturday night on the baseball field of the Lawncrest Recreation Center, while an unidentified man was shot and killed in Kensington yesterday morning.

$1 billion

A settlement with Johnson & Johnson arranged by federal prosecutors in Philadelphia has been nixed by the U.S. Justice Department, according to The Wall Street Journal. The report said officials hope to negotiate a higher settlement with the N.J.-based drugmaker for alleged improper marketing of its Risperdal schizophrenia drug.

3 cents

The national average for a gallon of gas dropped last Tuesday, marking the first time in 39 days prices at the pump had decreased. The decline was short-lived, however, with prices reaching $3.76 a gallon on Friday. Nationally, prices are up 28 cents from a month ago and 23 cents from a year ago.

One suspect in custody, another sought in deadly home invasion

A 35-year-old man has been arrested in connection with a Strawberry Mansion home invasion that killed a man and critically injured his wife on March 5, according to reports.

Ali Marsh, 35, was reportedly arrested without incident, along with a female companion, by a task force of U.S. Marshals and Philadelphia and Plymouth Township police at a Plymouth Township hotel Saturday after marshals received a tip. The woman faces possible charges of harboring a fugitive, according to reports.

Authorities have also identified a second suspect in the incident. Charles Davis, 35, is described as 5 feet 8 inches and 195 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. His last known address is on the 1400 block of South 51st Street, though he is also known to frequent the Chester city area.

Police still have not determined a motive in last Monday's incident, in which two masked men shot and killed John Paul, 35, in his home on the 3200 block of Cecil B. Moore Avenue. The suspects broke in shortly before 4 a.m. as the family slept. Paul's wife, Sherell, was shot eight to 10 times and is expected to survive. The couple's young sons called 911 after discovering their parents' bodies, but were left unharmed.

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▶ Police have not given a motive for the slaying.

Rewards offered

A total reward of $22,500 is being offered in the case.

- U.S. Marshals are offering a $2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of suspect Charles Davis
- Philadelphia police are offering a $20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects involved in the case, the standard for all murder cases under Mayor Michael Nutter's new crime-fighting strategy.

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Toast to the Irish at St. Patrick's Day Parade

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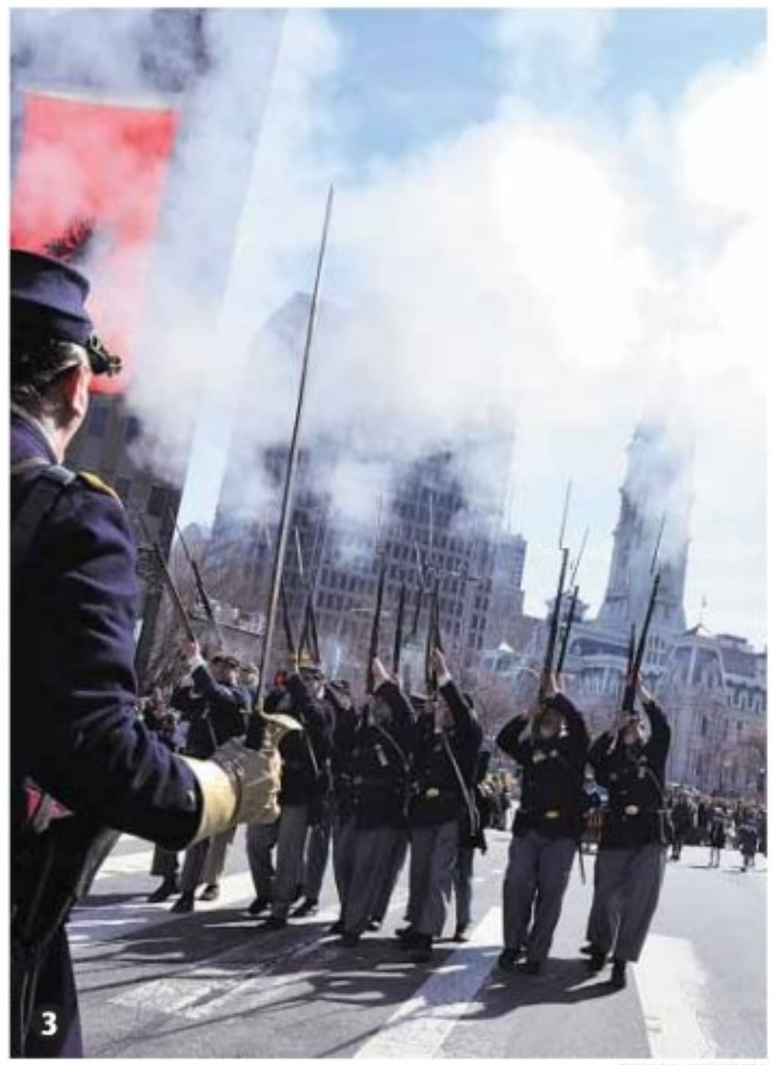

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1: Bagpipes blared as performers marched down 16th Street.
2: Archbishop Charles Chaput waved to those in attendance.
3: These gentleman were armed, but certainly not dangerous.
4: A youngster did his best leprechaun impression while watching the festivities.
5: Ashleigh Gallagher and Caitlin Wartman, both of Northeast Philadelphia, were all smiles.

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Riddle: What's got two faces, surety?

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Rick Santorum added to his delegate count during the weekend with an overwhelming victory in the Kansas caucuses, taking more than half of all votes. But contests in Wyoming, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, won by Mitt Romney, reinforce the new campaign reality: No matter how well any of the not-Romneys do, the math matters, and ultimately the numbers will decide the nominee.

See, the candidates are vying to secure enough delegates — done by winning states and/or congressional districts in the various elections — to win nomination before the August convention, and the magic number is 1,144. A candidate who secures that number of delegate votes will be declared the presidential nominee to take on Obama in November. Overwhelmingly, it's looking like that candidate will — eventually, inevitably — be Romney.

This is no idle claim, but rather a fair analysis of the numbers. Following this weekend's contests, Romney assumed an estimated count of 454 delegates to Santorum's 217. (Gingrich and Paul claim fewer.) In other words, Romney has more than twice the number of his closest competitor; and with most upcoming elections awarding delegates proportionally, an alternate scenario looks improbable.

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▶ Based on numbers alone, it is very unlikely that Romney does not secure the GOP nomination.

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Santorum downplayed the delegate gap on "Meet the Press" yesterday after host David Gregory argued he'd need to win 61 percent of upcoming elections to overshoot Romney. "These numbers are going to change dramatically," Santorum said. "A lot of these delegates are uncommitted."

Santorum's latter point is true enough; at this time, delegate counts are merely estimates and anything could, supposedly, happen. But his former point may be a decimal off: With Gingrich committed to "going all the way to Tampa," the numbers just don't add up. And numbers, unlike presidential hopefuls, don't lie.

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Mourning, aftermath

With a moment of silence, prayers and anti-nuclear rallies, Japan yesterday marked one year since an earthquake and tsunami killed thousands and set off a radiation crisis that shattered public trust in atomic power and the nation's leaders.

The magnitude 9.0 earthquake unleashed a wall of water that hit Japan's northeast coast, killing nearly 16,000 and leaving nearly 3,300 unaccounted for. The country is still grappling with the human, economic and political costs.

In the port town of Ofunato, hundreds of black-clad residents gathered to lay white chrysanthemums in memory of the town's 420 dead and missing.

The country observed a minute of silence at 2:46 p.m., the time the quake struck. **REUTERS**

▶ Family members pray inside the exclusion zone of the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

▶ Families fly a paper lantern into the sky.

A protester demonstrates against the use of nuclear power in Osaka, Japan.

▶ Keiko Suzuki prays at the site of her uncle's home in Rikuzentakata, Japan. Kazuyoshi Sugawara was killed when his home was swept away by the tsunami.

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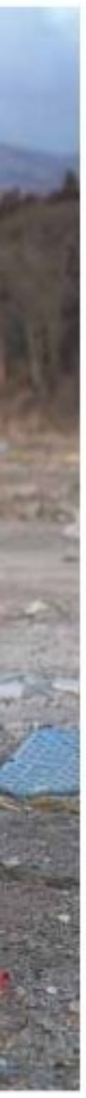

Japan missed tsunami wake-up call for change

Government back to business as usual as debt piles up and critical decisions put off Only sign of change is growing distrust of politicians

Three months after Japan's March 11 triple disaster, a longtime expert on the country arrived in Tokyo to research a book he intended to title "Rebirth of a Nation."

Months later, Richard Samuels is calling his work "The Rhetoric of Crisis."

A year after the huge earthquake, deadly tsunami and the world's worst nuclear disaster in a quarter century jolted the country, it is clear that even a shock of such magnitude failed to snap it out of its economic and political torpor.

"So far it seems there was more talk of change than change itself. It is all still being sorted out," said Samuels, director of the Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Japan's mammoth government debt keeps piling up while critical decisions get pushed back, referred to various panels, lodged in elaborate rituals of "consensus-building" or political horse-trading in a gridlocked parliament.

Mainstream political parties, torn by conflicting group loyalties, proved incapable of setting aside their differences and providing the leadership for which the public longs.

Instead, politicians reverted to business as usual: parliamentary trench warfare and the annual "ditch the prime minister" exercise that gave Japan its sixth leader in five years and now threatens to block vital tax and welfare reforms.

"I personally expected a kind of coalition government just after the earthquake to rescue the economy," says Takahide Kiuchi, chief economist at Nomura Securities. "It never happened and the opposition and the ruling party are still fighting each other. This is my biggest disappointment."

That said, Japan has changed over those past 12 months — though in ways too gradual and unspectacular to grab headlines.

The main driving force: growing distrust of politicians and bureaucrats and public indignation at their incompetence.

"I think it's all moved Japan on its axis slightly more than before. It has definitely made people less forgiving or believing in Japan Inc., the system," said Pelham Smithers, managing director of a London-based market research firm, who has visited Japan several times since March 11.

What remains unclear is whether the anger will force a radical overhaul of Japan's politics, economy and society or deepen public apathy and frustration — or somewhere in between. REUTERS

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▶ This March 11, 2011, sequence shows the coast at Minamisoma, Fukushima prefecture before, during and after the tsunami.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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my 4 yr old grandson Ari asked why he should vote 4 me? i said, "because it means more cookies 4 U!" Barr2012

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Had the always great pleasure of spending time with Ms. Sharon Stone today! On her birthday!!

@ConanOBrien
I've been practicing for this year's St. Patrick's Day. Every morning, I have my personal trainer punch me in the face.

Roseanne Barr

What is Whitney Houston worth?

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▶ What happened to all of Houston's assets?

Although **Whitney Houston's** daughter **Bobbi** is set to inherit her mother's entire "fortune," a 2007 legal document uncovered by Radar Online shows that Houston's estate might not be as much as people are assuming.

An income and expense declaration during her divorce proceedings with **Bobby Brown** states that at the time, Houston had $40,000 in cash and $225,000 in stocks, and she had earned in excess of $1 million for performances, per the site. She declared owning two homes: one house in New Jersey, which was worth $6.5 million (with $3,247,000 owed on the estate) and a townhouse in Atlanta worth $1.244 million (with a reported $1,046,603 owed on that property). "Whitney's bottom line was that she had $10,242,931 in various assets, and had debts totaling $4,294,014," states Radar Online.

Two things that might change this bottom line. One: Any "income declaration" you're showing your ex-husband (who is seeking your hard-earned money) is going to hide a ton of cash. And two: Houston's recording contract was not listed, as it was "considered separate property due to the prenuptial agreement the former couple had."

However, it's important to remember that Houston was also one of the world's best-selling music artists — having sold more than 170 million albums, singles and videos worldwide. In 2001, she signed the biggest record deal in music history for $100 million for six new albums — on which she would also earn royalties. Yes, that contract is separate from what's on that 2007 document; but still, you would think there would be more than just $6 million.

Where did it all go?

Celebrity. Mug shot

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Entering mug shot hall of fame

Uff! Check out Michael Madsen's booking photo. The once-handsome "Kill Bill" star was arrested on charges of child endangerment and cruelty in Malibu, Calif., on Friday. Reports suggest that Madsen had a physical altercation with his teenage son at the family home. Madsen has since called the whole incident a "big misunderstanding."

Will Spears appear on 'X Factor'?

Britney Spears is reportedly close to signing a deal to be a new judge for the second season of the U.S. version of "The X Factor," according to the Hollywood Reporter. And who's supposedly handling the deal for her? None other than her fiance and former agent, **Jason Trawick**. Spears was rumored to be a top contender to fill one of the judging spots left empty after **Paula Abdul** and **Nicole Scherzinger**. "Are we flattered that there could be interest? Yes," **Simon Cowell** said last month, adding that he "can't confirm or deny any of those rumors at the moment."

Talking points

Klum on her split with Seal

Heidi Klum understands that her split from **Seal** came as a shock to a lot of her fans. "To the outside world, you don't really share all the things that happen. You kind of share just the most amazing sides," she tells Elle magazine. And that's all she apparently wants to say on the matter: "I feel like already there are so many things being said about us — about him, about me. I'm not going to comment. Otherwise it makes you angry. You can't always call and say, 'This is not true, but this part is true.'" Of course, Klum wishes her soon-to-be ex-husband would follow her example, since a lot of the quotes about their split are from Seal. "He's a grown man. I can't tell him what to do and what not to do," Klum says.

▶ Klum

Lohan moves out of Marmont

Lindsay Lohan is no longer shacking up at the Chateau Marmont, according to Radar Online. "Lindsay left the hotel about two and a half weeks ago. It was only temporary, but her new digs could be permanent," a source says. And where exactly are those new digs? "For the first time in 10 years, the paparazzi don't know where she is living and she is enjoying not being hounded," the source adds. "It's a nice break for her to just relax a bit at home like a normal person."

Blunt on making it work with Krasinski

Emily Blunt admits it was difficult to jet off to film "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" just one month after tying the knot with husband **John Krasinski**, according to Us Weekly. "We were far from home, but we were so busy working we really didn't think about it much," Blunt says of the shoot, which took her to Scotland, London and Morocco. "You talk, you e-mail, you do all of that. There is no magic answer."

The start of SXSW and fake vampire brides to kick off your Monday

1. Producer, director and writer **Joss Whedon** spoke at "A Conversation with Joss Whedon" panel during the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival at the Austin Convention Center on Saturday in Austin, Texas.
2. Journalist **Lisa Ling** spoke onstage at the "How Women Present Themselves in the Digital Age" panel during the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival on Saturday.
3. Drake performed as part of his Drake's Club Paradise Tour at the San Jose State Event Center on Saturday in San Jose, Calif.
4. Hubba hubba! Burlesque performer **Dita Von Teese** premiered her **Von Follies** lingerie collection in Australia on Saturday at the Melbourne Fashion Festival.
5. Entertainment One attempted to set the Guinness World Record for the longest chain of brides in one location at HMV, Oxford Street in London on Sunday. The event was held to celebrate the DVD release of (what else?) "The Twilight Saga: Twilight Breaking Dawn Part 1."
6. Actor **Johnny Knoxville** posed for photos during the premiere of his new film "Nature Calls" at the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival on Saturday in Austin, Texas.

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"I don't want to catch a fish. I think that's probably quite key if you want to be a fisherman. The actual battle between man and fish is not something that I have in mind."
EWAN MCGREGOR

COURTESY OF CBS FILMS.

▶ He looks happy, but trust us, with a fish in his hands, he won't be. Amr Waked, left, and Ewan McGregor star in "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen."

Ewan McGregor discusses why he'd really rather never encounter a live fish, despite his new role in 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen'
See this in the theater, he says

Ewan McGregor is apologetic about eating his bagel. He smiles sheepishly before taking a generous bite and brushing the crumbs away with a napkin. "This isn't great is it? Eating and talking."

He's just breezed in from a few television appearances, having had the day off from shooting the upcoming HBO pilot of "The Corrections." As busy as he is, the Scottish actor sits before us to discuss his latest project, "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen." In it, he portrays a fisheries expert and enthusiast who reluctantly assists a sheikh in migrating salmon to the Yemen in an effort, partially, to boost U.K.-Arab relations.

Having played a heroin addict, a Jedi master and dozens of other characters throughout his career, McGregor has trained himself to do a lot of things for the sake of a role — but one he'll never have an affinity for is fly-fishing.

"I'm not interested in fishing as such, because I don't want to catch a fish," he says. "I think that's probably quite key if you want to be a fisherman. The actual battle between man and fish is not something that I have in mind."

The sheikh in the film, a fellow fly-fishing enthusiast, is determined to bring fishing to his people for the sake of growing the economy, despite the negative local response to the project. He's swimming against a tide in much the same way that the film industry is fighting the growing dominance of on-demand, Internet-based entertainment. With one of his films, "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" having hit theaters in 3-D just last month, McGregor explained the importance of getting out to the theater.

"There's something really magical about going to the cinema," he says. "That's how films are shot to be seen. We go to a great deal of trouble to light them, to act them and to have them seen on a big scale. There's something to be gained by seeing the film in a cinema than at home."

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'Lorax' beats Disney's 'Carter' at box office

Dr. Seuss movie "The Lorax" won the box office race for the second straight weekend, beating Walt Disney Co.'s expensive 3-D space adventure "John Carter."

"The Lorax" pulled in $39.1 million at U.S. and Canadian theaters from Friday through Sunday, studio estimates released yesterday showed. "John Carter," which cost about $250 million to produce, brought in $30.6 million domestically.

Comedy "Project X" took third place honors with $11.6 million during its second weekend in theaters.

Comcast Corp.'s Universal Pictures released "The Lorax" and "Project X" was distributed by Time Warner Inc. unit Warner Bros. **REUTERS**

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▶ The Dr. Seuss tale "The Lorax" topped the box office for the second weekend in a row.

TV Watch List

ABC/NICK RAY

▶ Ben gives away the final rose tonight.

'The Bachelor'

REALITY. We'll toast the happy couple only if winemaking bachelor Ben chooses likable Lindzi over crazy Courtney in tonight's finale. Side note: We're not betting on it. **Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC**

'House Hunters'

REALITY. Now airing new episodes every weeknight, the addictive real estate search reality series has become an official time-sucking black hole. **10 p.m., HGTV**

'Smash'

DRAMA. Ivy's voice begins to show signs of wear, which isn't the case for Karen, who could use a little more work — like a side gig at a bar mitzvah on Long Island. **10 p.m., NBC**

'America the Wild with Casey Anderson'

REALITY. As the series settles into its regular time slot, adventurer Casey Anderson sets out for the Grand Canyon to witness the ecosystem of the Southwest. **9 p.m., Nat Geo Wild** AMBER RAY

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Are there any Doctors in the house?

The Saw Doctors are making their annual trek from Ireland to the US to help celebrate St. Patrick's Day

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▶ The Saw Doctors are, from left, Kevin Duffy, Eimhin Cradock, Davy Carton, Moran and Anthony Thistlewhaite.

Rather cleverly, Irish rock vets The Saw Doctors start their winter tour in Florida. Could it be the allure of winter sun?

"We haven't gotten to Florida very often," says guitarist Leo Moran, "but, yes, it'll be nice to get a bit of sunshine at this time of year."

He considers his statement. "Actually, when you're from over here," he says, speaking from Ireland, "that helps any time of the year."

The tour isn't timed just to sneak in some sunbathing though. The Saw Doctors hope to catch some St. Patrick's Day action.

"St. Patrick's Day is a license for an Irish man to go anywhere, you know," laughs Moran. "But we're always the most sober people in the building on St. Patrick's Day. That's the way it works for us."

Moran agrees with the (unproven, but almost certain) theory that Americans will whoop it up whatever the occasion.

"They're real celebrators. They're great party-throwers. When you're invited to a party in the States, you're really invited to a party. You can be sure it's going to be a proper shindig and no messing."

Credit indeed given to the Irish propensity for gaiety, whether it's a wedding or a wake.

"That's the thing here, you celebrate the person's life and you enjoy yourself. A cousin of mine said he'd rather go to a wake than a wedding. It's more fun, and you don't have to take a present."

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Who gets wilder on St. Paddy's Day, Irish or Americans?

"Irish America is a nation of its own," says Moran. "It's neither Irish nor American. It's its own thing and it's their big day. It's amazing what they make of it, really. It's hardly that big of a thing in Ireland. A bit of a parade down the town and then everybody goes to the pub afterwards. It's become a bit more [of a thing in] the last few years. But even so, it's nothing like the States."

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▶ Adam Scott stars in "Friends with Kids," in theaters now.

Friends with comedians

◗ Adam Scott was once a serious actor ◗ Then he discovered the LA comedy scene ◗ How this 'fluke' led to finding new friends and his starring role in Jennifer Westfeldt's independent film, 'Friends with Kids'

It was a role in the comedy "Step Brothers" that gave dramatic actor Adam Scott his big break.

"It was a fluke, honestly," says the actor on landing his role as Will Ferrell's conceited biological brother in the 2008 comedy. "It was so fun and exciting; no day was ever the same," he remembers. "That and [Starz comedy series] 'Party Down' took me in a new direction. I never looked back."

Discovering his comedic acting chops was a happy accident for Scott, because once he discovered he could do comedy — and do it quite well — the chummy, creative L.A. comedy scene invited him into their fold.

"Before, I was chasing some brass ring that never really existed and trying to get guest spots and dramatic roles. It wasn't until I found the comedy scene that I started creating my own destiny," he says. (Scott currently stars in NBC's hit comedy "Parks and Recreation"). "We take things from the ground up, and everyone is very inspired by each other. We like to help each other out with projects. It's a nice way to work."

A nice way — and also a fruitful one, as it was his friends who helped him land his first big starring film role in the new indie dramedy "Friends with Kids."

"Jen and Jon have been friends of mine for a long time, and they asked me to do it," says Scott (that would be the film's writer, director and lead actress, Jennifer Westfeldt and her boyfriend, Jon Hamm, who acts in the film as well as serves as an executive producer). "I don't know why [they asked me,] because they could have easily found someone far more famous to make the movie. But I was happy they did — it was a great part."

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ADAM SCOTT, ON JENNIFER WESTFELDT AND JON HAMM ASKING HIM TO STAR IN 'FRIENDS WITH KIDS'

In the film, Scott stars as Jason, who, along with his best friend Julie (Westfeldt), sees how children wreck their friends' romantic relationships. They decide to have a child together while keeping their relationship platonic.

Scott is proud of his performance, which is yet another perk of making a movie with a friend who calls the shots.

"I wasn't sure [of my performance] because we made it so quickly — it was a 25-day shoot," he remembers. "It was all kind of a blur, so I think Jen did a great job cutting it together. There's another version [made by] cutting the movie together with bad takes of mine, in which I'm really terrible."

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Kids of his own

For Scott, who is also a father to two young children, "Friends with Kids," really rings true.

▶ "The film astutely observes things about the way you feel when you have a kid that I'd never seen in a movie before. I couldn't believe that she was able to harness [those feelings,] not having kids of her own," he says of Westfeldt.

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I. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) will conduct public hearings in the SEPTA Board Room at SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 at 11:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., on April 11, 2012. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the Authority's proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Budget and Fiscal Years 2013-2024 Capital Program and the projects contained therein for which financial assistance is being sought. The total amount of federal and state funds to be received in Fiscal Year 2013 will be determined at the completion of the federal and state budget processes. SEPTA proposes to submit to its funding agencies a program of projects for funding consideration. The federal Section 5307/5340 and Section 5309 Programs of Projects will be available at **www.septa.org** when they are finalized.

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III. On or about March 12, 2012, members of the public may obtain a copy of the proposed Capital Budget and Program at SEPTA's website **www.septa.org** or by requesting, in writing, a copy from the Office of the General Manager at the address listed above.

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Traditional Chinese medicine incorporates diet, movement through practices like tai chi and qigong, medicinal herbs, massage and acupuncture. While some elements require a practitioner, diet and "healing exercise," such as qigong, can be easily incorporated into daily life. Dr. Kuhn recommends about 15 to 30 minutes of qigong — said to help balance your chi — a day. "Relaxation is the most important thing. It should be easy, or you won't do it. But put your intention into it," she says.

Maria Shea, director of The Langham, Boston's Chuan Body + Soul Spa, where treatments and therapies are based on traditional Chinese medicine practices, swears by the Five Elements Food Connection, a way of incorporating various colors and tastes into your diet to promote overall health.

"This is a strong base for healthy living," says Shea. "Healthy living is the most difficult 'simple' thing. But use you intuition. Ask, 'Is this good for me?'"

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3 Push your top thighs straight back to help lengthen the front torso. Take a few breaths and walk your fingertips between your feet. Take a few more breaths and then, with an exhalation, bend your elbows and lower your torso and head into a full forward bend. Make sure as you move down that you keep your front torso as long as possible.

4 Press your inner palms actively into the floor, fingers pointing forward. If you have the flexibility, walk your hands back. Be sure to keep your arms parallel to each other and widen the shoulder blades across the back. Draw your shoulders away from your ears. Hold for one minute.

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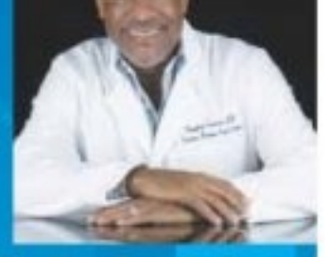

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▶ Don't sit around waiting for them to call you — apply to other jobs to keep options open and your head in a positive place.

How to handle not getting the gig

The job market is difficult, sure, but knowing how to deal with job rejection will give you the edge over your competition. Don't get downtrodden, don't feel hopeless and, whatever you do, don't take it personally.

Process what went wrong

Don't beat yourself up — just examine what happened and plan how to make a better impression in the next interview. "Monday morning quarterbacking has a place," says relationship advisor and author April Masini. "Rejection is always an opportunity to build on who and what you are."

Get back in the networking game

There's no reason to be embarrassed that you need a little extra help. Reach out to the connections you already have — they might be the link between you and your next job. "Avoid cold-calling by working with your existing contacts to help introduce you to others," suggests Michelle Coussens, dean of the School of Business at Kendall College. "So many people have lost jobs, they are often happy to help someone else in their search."

Keep applying

Don't waste a minute waiting for a company's response. Instead, stop refreshing your e-mail and continue your search. "If you don't get this one, you'll have other irons in the fire, which, psychologically, is a much better position to be in when you get a rejection letter — rather than having to start from scratch with the weight of the [rejection] on your back," says Masini.

JULIA WEST

Give yourself a better chance

To avoid the interview crickets, make sure your résumé is tailored to each position for which you're applying.

"People have the wrong résumé," says career psychologist Eileen Sharaga. "They want to be all things to all people, but they need to focus a résumé that clearly positions them in a specific job."

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How to keep your meetings on track

There's a reason everyone says meetings are a waste of time — they usually are Run yours like a pro and get things done without putting everyone to sleep

Running a meeting is a lot like running a kindergarten classroom. If given the chance, people will play with their toys, talk out of turn and whine about everything from the e-mail system to the break room's coffee.

Fortunately, just like cranky children, your co-workers can be easily controlled and placated. We checked in with Dana Brownlee, founder of national corporate training company Professionalism Matters, for how to lead a successful, succinct and drama-free meeting.

Here are her troubleshooting tips.

▶ **The problem:** One employee dominates the talk time.
The fix: "Instead of just throwing the issue out there, ask people to take two or three minutes and jot down their top two suggestions. That way, even if somebody dominates, when you collect those notes, you get feedback from everybody in the room," Brownlee advises.

▶ **The problem:** You have a persistently negative employee.
The fix: Agree that there may, indeed, be an issue. This will stop a problem child right in his or her tracks. "Validate their concern, write it on the flipchart and ask them to come up with suggestions for fixing the problem," she says.

▶ **The problem:** One co-worker always veers off-topic.

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▶ To get everyone to cooperate, walk around the room and have the class — er, employees — be involved with setting the rules.

The fix: "Ask if this is something that needs to be addressed today," says Brownlee. "It sounds obvious, but there's a huge difference between intervening with a statement or intervening with a question."

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The problem

Everyone brought their iPhones

The fix: First, structure the meeting thoughtfully — if some departments have to wait 45 minutes to be addressed, they'll be tempted to space out and check their mail. After that, play teacher. "Walk around a lot and constantly call on people by name," Brownlee suggests. "If people know they'll be called on, it makes them perk up."

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Wild way to work with a King

"The Arnie line of apparel represents the styles of clothing that are as popular today as they were in the earlier part of my career. It's been a real thrill to see some of my signature pieces come back to life, and experience the enthusiasm ... for introducing them to the next generation." ARNOLD PALMER

Chasing his dream, designer went from cruise ship to giant in golf fashion to working with Arnie

Becoming wildly successful starts with having a dream, taking a risk and believing in yourself and your idea 100 percent. There are business plans and other stuff you might learn from your friends with an MBA, but for 33-year-old Geoff Tait, the co-owner of Quagmire Golf and creative director of Arnie, that's how he went from teaching golf on a cruise ship to designing a brand of clothes inspired by the most iconic golfer through the years — "The King" Arnold Palmer.

Tait, whose Quagmire Golf brand is one of the most trendy in the industry, was hand-selected by Palmer's people to re-create the style that made Arnie a timeless classic, both on and off the course. Palmer was recently ranked one of "The 25 Coolest Athletes of All Time" by GQ, which previously named him one of the "50 Most Stylish Men of the Past 50 Years."

Arnie style

Developed through countless hours researching primary source material — including Palmer's personal library of photographs from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, an archive of historically significant garments and even Palmer's own closet — the 2012 collection will be available at better green grass and off-course golf retailers.

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▶ Geoff Tait, left, is bringing Arnold Palmer's style back to life.

Geoff, how does a guy from Canada go from working on a cruise ship to designing and reinventing golf icon Arnold Palmer's clothing brand?

It's all about following your passion and realizing that life is short. No one is going to hand you anything. You have to work your butt off and create your own opportunities. I've always wanted to do something great in the golf industry. After teaching the game on a cruise ship, I saw a market need for an alternatively styled golf apparel line and created Quagmire Golf with my business partner, Bob Pasternak. Doing things our own unique way for five years is what led to the relationship with Mr. Palmer and his team. It's a dream come true.

For our readers building their own business, what's one tip you'd offer someone at the crossroad, deciding whether to take the plunge?

You're only on this planet for a brief speck in time. If you have a dream, your window to make it come true is relatively narrow. Yes, going out and chasing it is scary. Yes, you're definitely going to have to make sacrifices. But if you believe 100 percent in your vision and put everything you have into making it a reality, you're skewing the odds in your favor.

What's most important: The idea, the person or having the breaks go your way?

Great ideas and amazing breaks certainly play a role in entrepreneurial success, but ultimately it's the person that's most important. You have to control your own destiny and be willing to put your chips on the table, or you'll be left talking about what could have been. I learned that the hard way a decade ago after I passed on opening a crab shack where cruise ships roll in on the island of Roatan in Honduras. The place is absolutely hopping today and I'd be sitting on a pile of loot, sipping island cocktails right now. But missing that chance is what led me to seize future opportunities and go after them with all I've got.

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Our economy is not on road to health

Those that are publicly declaring our economic recovery are ignoring a whole host of issues that indicate that the U.S. economy is in absolutely horrendous shape. The true health of an economy should be evaluated by looking at jobs, housing, poverty and debt. Some of the latest economic statistics indicate that our debt problem is worse than ever. And we are still giving away money in foreign aid!
FRANK ST GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL

Proud Kirk Cameron supporter speaks

RE: "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM GOOD; BIGOTRY, NOT": To the men who called Christians hateful bigots, I feel sorry for you. They are probably so angry because they are homosexual and are upset that the Bible is telling them to repent and stop being gay! As a believer I stand by Kirk Cameron 100 percent. Homosexuality is not normal and it cleary states this in the Bible. The Bible is the spoken word of God, every last bit of it is the word of truth. **E. TAYLOR, VIA E-MAIL**

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'Why can't they fix the economy before they think of rising to the sun?'

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YEMI D. PRINCE, VIA E-MAIL.

Democrat women: Real woman haters

I wonder how many of Rush Limbaugh's critics are willing to demand that Obama return Bill Maher's million-dollar donation. Maher has said slurs and rants that can't be published in Metro. And when do liberals plan to go after the vulgar and misogynistic rappers who donate to Democrats? If liberals really were champions of women, they would not defend Sharia Law. **ROCKY LORE, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** An interesting development could occur that would elevate your hopes and expectations.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Give money matters top priority, because this could be one of those rare days when you can effortlessly reach your financial goals.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Meaningful projects that you personally direct have excellent chances for success.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Most of the time, it is unwise to rely totally on your hunches while ignoring your logic. Today, though, could be one of those rare exceptions.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If a face-to-face meeting concerning an important involvement with another becomes necessary, don't use a surrogate, even if you think that person could do a better job.

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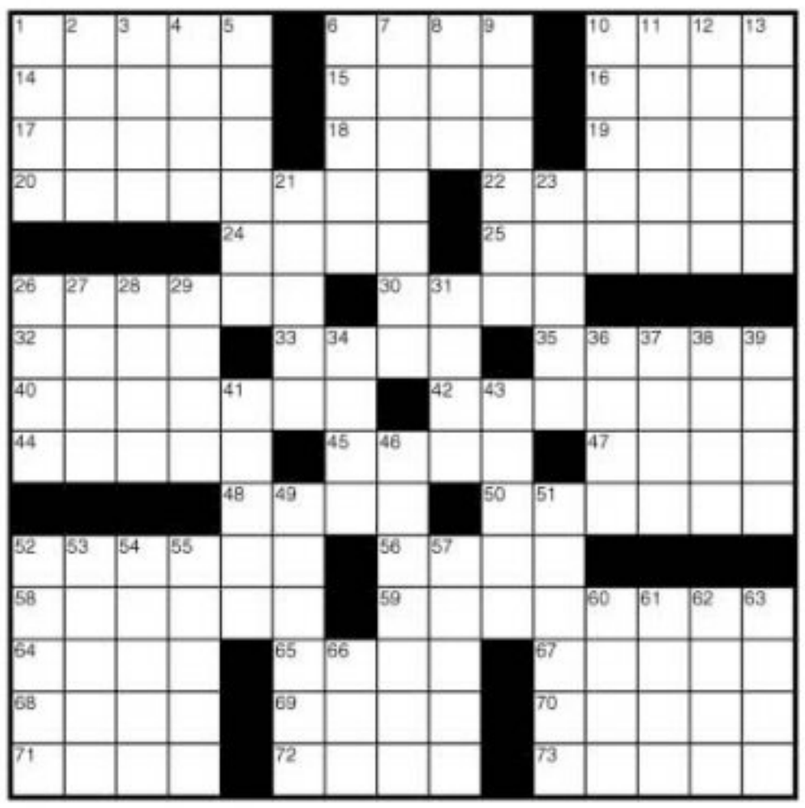

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▶ Andre Iguodala finished with 19 points.

Williams, Sixers rout Knicks for third straight win

◗ Sweet Lou pours in 28 points ◗ Turner adds 24 in 106-94 victory in New York ◗ Team heads to Indiana

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▶ Evan Turner defends Jeremy Lin yesterday.

Lou Williams keeps stating his case to be the Sixers' closer. And Evan Turner keeps showing why he was the No. 2 overall pick in 2010.

The duo combined for 52 points in a 106-94 win yesterday over the skidding New York Knicks. Williams poured in 28 points, including a dozen in the final 3:28 of the third quarter, and Turner finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds. Andre Iguodala added 19 points and Thaddeus Young had 14 as the Sixers shot 50-percent from the field.

"We were clicking on both ends," Iguodala said. "I think we did a better job of trying to get to the basket and trying to get the foul calls and get to the free throw line. That kind of made the basket a little bit bigger for us."

Williams' flurry highlighted a high-scoring third quarter for the Sixers. The team scored 38 points in the third to the Knicks' 24 and built a 21-point lead early in the fourth.

"Thirty-eight points in the third quarter is just crazy," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It's hard to explain sometimes."

The Sixers have won three straight games, with a 19-point average margin of victory. The Knicks have lost five straight contests and eight of their last 11. METRO

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Brown still trying to live up to the hype

Phillies top prospect fighting for roster spot Amaro says Brown could start 2012 season in Triple-A Batting .222 in four spring training games

When Domonic Brown broke for a fly ball under the bright Florida sun, he took the scenic route and played a single into a triple. That was capped with an unnecessary dive, which injured his right thumb. It was another reminder of how much has changed for the one-time top prospect.

Two years ago, you may as well have cued Randy Newman's soundtrack to "The Natural" when Domonic Brown stepped to the plate.

The lean, lanky 24-year-old turned heads by hitting .538 in his first four Grapefruit League games. He appeared to be cut from the same mold as former Mets star Darryl Strawberry. Brown pulled the ball with authority to right, inside-outed pitches to left and legged out infield singles.

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Strikeouts for Brown in four spring training games. He has gone 2-for-9 (.222) with a triple and a walk. Brown went 0-for-1 in the Phillies' 4-4 tie yesterday vs. Detroit.

But Brown has yet to meet the hype in the big leagues. The Phillies hoped he was ready for the majors last season, but he broke the hamate bone in his right hand early in spring training. When he returned, Brown was inconsistent at the plate and had trouble defensively.

Last October, Phillies GM Ruben Amaro Jr. said that he would keep Brown in triple-A all season to refine his skills. Despite all of that Brown remains upbeat.

"I feel good about everything," Brown said. "I'm positive about everything. I'm in a good spot. I had some bad breaks, like with the hand but I'll be fine."

Brown makes no secret of his desire to make the big club and start in left field.

"I want to be with the team this year," Brown said. "I'm going to go out and play as well as I can. That's all that I can control."

Brown has added 20 pounds of muscle since 2010. He is aware that if he is sent back to triple-A, he could re-emerge.

"I know all of the scenarios," Brown said. "I can't control what is decided for me. What I can control is to play like I'm capable of. That goes for me at the plate and in the field. If I do what I'm capable of, I should be fine."

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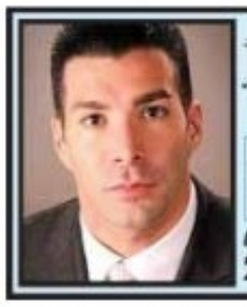
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Owls bringing dancing shoes down to Nashville

Temple earns No. 5 seed in Midwest Region Will play South Florida or California on Friday Putting A-10 tournament letdown behind them

Selection Sunday never gets old. It never gets stale.

At Temple, the players and coaches gathered inside the Liacouras Center last night to celebrate a fifth consecutive berth in the NCAA tournament. Coach Fran Dunphy opted to wait in the hallway.

"I'm so nervous," Dunphy said. "I'm sitting in the lobby hoping to hear our name called."

No need to worry. The Owls (24-7) were a lock despite falling to Massachusetts in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Temple had to wait quite a while to hear its name called. When it happened, the Owls discovered they were headed to the Midwest Region to face the winner of a play-in game between No. 12 California (24-9) and No. 12 South Florida (20-13) on Friday down in Nashville, Tenn.

Midwest

North Carolina is No. 1 seed. Here are the top matchups in Temple's region:

- **No. 8 Creighton** vs. No. 9 Alabama
- **No. 3 Georgetown** vs. No. 14 Belmont
- **No. 6 San Diego St.** vs. No. 11 NC State
- **No. 2 Kansas** vs. No. 15 Detroit

"Great day," said Temple's Ramone Moore, who leads the team in scoring at 17.8 points per game. "We were disappointed with the loss to UMass, but we're a very confident team. We just turned the ball over too much and it hurt us. We know what we have to do to win and that's play smart basketball.

"Seeing our name on the board, and especially with me being a senior, it's a great day. Now, we have to go out and prove ourselves."

Temple won a tournament game last season, then fell in double overtime to San Diego State in the round of 32.

The goals are much lofitier this year.

"We have very big goals," said center Michael Eric. "We feel like if we play like we're supposed to, we are a very dangerous team. We're excited for the tournament and we're going to put the work in. It's a business trip for us."

The Owls have won 13 of their last 15 games, including an 11-game winning streak.

Can they put together another streak in the NCAAs?

"That's the plan," Moore said. "Go out and play hard, play smart and put some W's together. It starts Friday."

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▶ Anthony Lee and Temple are headed to the Big Dance.

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- The Choice Neighborhoods planning and implementation process
- The proposed physical plan, including the extent of proposed demolition or rehabilitation of existing structures and if applicable, proposed site design
- Planned supportive service activities
- Other proposed transformation activities
- Relocation issues, such as relocation planning, mobility counseling & relocation benefits
- Maintaining the Choice Neighborhoods community planning process during the demolition and reconstruction phases, where temporary relocation, i.e., relocation for a reasonable period (less than one year), is involved
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Drexel snubbed by committee, again

Dragons won't be playing in NCAA tournament after winning 27 games
Iona, St. Bonaventure steal bids Flint turns attention to NIT victory

Thanks for nothing.

Drexel became just the second team in NCAA history to win 27 games and not get an invitation to the Big Dance. The Dragons (27-6 overall, 16-2 CAA) won the Colonial Athletic Association regular-season title and won a school-record 19 straight games, but they fell three points short in the CAA tournament final. Drexel's fate was sealed by a weak out-of-conference schedule.

Iona (25-7), a fellow mid-major and bubble team, was given a spot in the field of 68. Drexel coach Bruiser Flint told reporters that he knew the Drgons weren't getting into the NCAA tournament when he saw Iona's name pop up. Instead, Drexel accepted a bid to play in the NIT.

"I know a lot of people are going to compare them [Iona] to Drexel," said Jeff Hathaway, chairman of the NCAA selection committee. "Iona was not the last team in. We had them rated high. I feel we got it right."

It also didn't help Drexel's chances when St. Bonaventure stole a bid by winning the Atlantic 10 tournament. Ultimately, Drexel fell victim to a miserable strength of schedule rating (210) and RPI (66). Iona had a respectable 144 and 41, respectively, in those same categories.

"Should we be in? You win 27 games. ... What do you want me to do? I won 19 in a row. What do you want me to do? If you can't get in with that, it's pretty hard. It's pretty hard," Flint said last week.

This isn't the first time Flint's squad has been snubbed by the NCAA selection committee. In 2007, Drexel was left off the bracket after winning 23 games.

"I think I am more disappointed this time than last time," Flint said yesterday. "This time it is what it is and we have to be ready to play this week."

Indeed, Drexel has been installed as a No. 2 seed in the NIT and will take on No. 7 Stanford in the tournament's Washington region.

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▶ Bruiser Flint will have his guys ready for the NIT.

By the numbers

213
Strength of schedule rank among all Division I teams. (Compare to Iona at 144).

261
Strength of schedule rank in only conference games. (Compare to Iona at 266).

223
Strength of schedule in out-of-conference games. (Compare to Iona at 43).

64
Overall RPI (ratings percentage index) for Drexel. Iona is 41.

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▶ Braydon Coburn and Patrik Elias get tangled up.

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Devil of a time in Jersey

The Flyers couldn't overcome Martin Brodeur, who made 18 saves for his 650th career victory last night in a 4-1 loss to the New Jersey Devils. Claude Giroux scored the lone Flyers' goal and Sergei Bobrovsky started in net.

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1 NICE THREADS — Your mom and Suzanne in accounting swear by this method ... and so should you. What, you actually watch the games? Picking teams by the color of their uniform is as old as the tournament itself. If you haven't checked out Baylor's fluorescent unis yet, do yourself a favor. Watch one of their games late-night and you're a glow stick and a pacifier away from being at a rave.

2 BRAWL FOR IT ALL — Pick a team with some grit and a team that could very well show up in New Orleans ready to throw down with the opposition ... literally. Yup, we're looking at you Cincinnati.

3 ROAD TRIPS — Get out of mom and dad's basement.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Fluorescent green with envy.

This is college. Have some fun on the road. After all, the drinks have that much more of a kick away from home. Sorry, BYU.

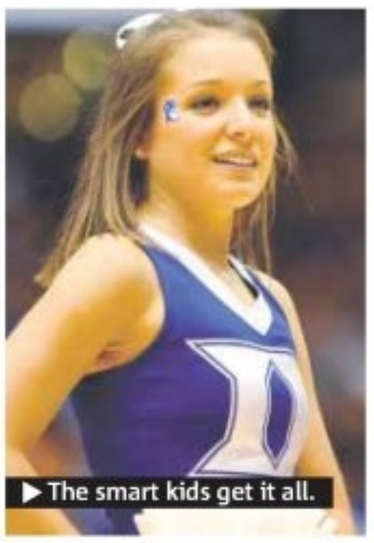
4 SLEAZE IT UP — What fun is March without snake-oil salesmen like John Calipari? While Cal has yet to win the big one, his team of "one-and-doners" once again has some of the best talent in the field. So take the grease, in this case. Rick Pitino's Louisville-squad might work as well. As we all know by now, sleaze wins in the NCAA. Sorry, Brad Stevens.

5 GEOGRAPHICALLY CHALLENGED — Is the middle of your bracket loaded with the usual suspects (Kansas, Duke, UNC, UConn, Syracuse etc.)? Try picking a couple of teams to advance to the Sweet Sixteen that you've never heard of or are uncertain as to where, exactly, they are from. The Belmont Bruins assuredly await your selection.

6 HISTORY IS ON YOUR SIDE — The last time the Final Four was located in New Orleans, Syracuse brought home the trophy for Jim Boeheim. Kansas, Marquette and Texas were the three other teams to make it to "The Big Easy" back in 2003. 'Cuse has had nearly a week of prep work for their first rounder.

7 HIGH STAKES COACHES — The heavyweight coaches in this field truly care about history. Coach K is chasing his fifth national championship, Jim Calhoun his fourth, Roy Williams his third, Jim Boeheim his second and Rick Pitino his second. Many members of this group are on their last legs in the coaching world and adding one more title to their résumé would work wonders for their legacies. Go with the legends.

8 EAST COAST BIAS — Only one of the last 10 NCAA champions was located west of the Mississippi. The last true teams from the West to win were Arizona in 1997 and UCLA in 1995.



▶ The smart kids get it all.

9 SCREW GPAs — In the words of the immortal Dark Helmet from Spaceballs, "good is dumb." In this case, dumb is good. So don't pick a Harvard to go farther than say, a UConn. The defending national champion Huskies' academic progress rate scores were so low last season that the NCAA docked Jim Calhoun and Co. two scholarships.

10 CONFERENCE JENGA — The Big East sent a record 11 teams to the dance last year but only two of the 11 teams made the Sweet Sixteen. UConn was the lone Final Four representative. The Big East once again lapped the field in getting teams into the dance but there's certainly no guarantee that two or three will be around come Elite Eight time. MATT BURKE

On second thought, state your case ...

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▶ Iona senior Michael Glover is going dancing!

Shocked they're in

Iona (25-7, RPI: 41)

The tiny college (located in New Rochelle, N.Y. — and yes, we had to look that up) busted quite a few bubbles when its name popped up.

The Gaels won the MAAC regular-season title, but then choked in the conference tourney. Still, the selection committee thought enough of them to give Iona an at-large bid.

Committee chairman Jeff Hathaway praised Iona's non-conference strength of schedule, which saw them beat Saint Joseph's, Maryland and Richmond. Of course, they also lost to Hofstra, which finished dead-last in the CAA with a 3-15 record.

Texas (20-13, RPI: 50)

Reputation, reputation, reputation.

The Longhorns' best wins came against Temple and Iowa State. Meanwhile, the big boys — UNC, Kansas, Baylor, Missouri had their way with Rick Barnes' squad.

Texas is headed to its 14th straight tournament, which is tied for fourth-most in NCAA history.

Shocked they're out

Drexel (27-6, RPI: 64)

We have argued the case for Drexel many, many, many times.

They ended the season on a 19-game winning streak. They won 27 games and came within three points of winning their conference tournament. Bruiser Flint half-joking — or half-serious — said that he might have to win 30 games to get an invite. The Dragons got hosed.

Northwestern (18-13, RPI: 59

That 18 is an ugly number if you're going to try to sneak in as an at-large team, but stick with us.

The Wildcats played the 15th toughest schedule in the land, and they beat No. 1 seed Michigan State. They also nearly knocked off Michigan and Ohio State.

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- 14 BYU (25-8)
- 14 Iona (25-7)

- 16 Lamar (23-11)
- 16 Vermont (23-11)

FIRST ROUND MARCH 14

- 12 California (24-9)
- 12 South Florida (20-13)

ROUND OF 64	ROUND OF 32	REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	REGIONAL FINALS	NATIONAL SEMIFINALS	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
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SOUTH

- 1 Kentucky (32-2)
- 16 MVSU/WKU
- 8 Iowa St. (22-10)
- 9 UConn (20-13)
- 5 Wichita St. (27-5)
- 12 VCU (28-6)
- 4 Indiana (25-8)
- 13 New Mex. St. (26-9)
- 6 UNLV (26-8)
- 11 Colorado (23-11)
- 3 Baylor (27-7)
- 14 S. Dakota St. (27-7)
- 7 Notre Dame (22-11)
- 10 Xavier (21-12)
- 2 Duke (27-6)
- 15 Lehigh (26-7)

WEST

- 1 Michigan St. (27-7)
- 16 LIU-Brooklyn (25-8)
- 8 Memphis (26-8)
- 9 Saint Louis (25-7)
- 5 New Mexico (27-6)
- 12 Long Beach St. (25-8)
- 4 Louisville (26-9)
- 13 Davidson (25-7)
- 6 Murray St. (30-1)
- 11 Colorado St. (20-11)
- 3 Marquette (25-7)
- 14 BYU/Iona
- 7 Florida (23-10)
- 10 Virginia (22-9)
- 2 Missouri (30-4)
- 15 Norfolk St. (25-9)

NATIONAL CHAMPION

NATIONAL SEMIFINALS	REGIONAL FINALS	REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	ROUND OF 32	ROUND OF 64
MARCH 31	MARCH 24-25	MARCH 22-23	MARCH 17-18	MARCH 15-16

EAST

- Syracuse (31-2) 1
- NC-Asheville (24-9) 16
- Kansas St. (21-10) 8
- Southern Miss (25-8) 9
- Vanderbilt (24-10) 5
- Harvard (26-4) 12
- Wisconsin (24-9) 4
- Montana (25-6) 13
- Cincinnati (24-10) 6
- Texas (20-13) 11
- Florida St. (24-9) 3
- St. Bona. (20-11) 14
- Gonzaga (25-6) 7
- West Virginia (19-13) 10
- Ohio St. (27-7) 2
- Loyola (Md.) (24-8) 15

MIDWEST

- UNC (29-5) 1
- Lamar/Vermont 16
- Creighton (28-5) 8
- Alabama (21-11) 9
- Temple (24-7) 5
- USF/Cal 12
- Michigan (24-9) 4
- Ohio (27-7) 13
- SDSU (26-7) 6
- NC State (22-12) 11
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Driving through the city in an oversized Ford F-150 SuperCrew pickup, my major concern is not decapitating any hapless cyclists.

There might be any number of reasons why a pickup and the city might seem at odds. My issue is with the gargantuan side mirrors. Boulder-sized chunks of glass and heavy plastic, they hang out extremely far on either side.

Fine, perhaps, when you're towing a big boat and need to see the universe behind you. Not so helpful when your main concern is avoiding the bobbing heads of delivery men.

Once I clear the city without having claimed any urban scalps, I find myself marveling at this asphalt-bound tug boat. The size, the price, the technology. This $52,000 Ford is not the truck of my youth.

I've been in a pickup state of mind recently. My first car was also a truck, and I've always loved pickups for their versatility, their toughness, and their 4X4 ability to go through rocks and mud.

Putting aside fears that all my city friends would suddenly ask me to help them move — a real complaint among pickup owners — I recently bought a used 2002 midsize Nissan Frontier. It's perfect for ferrying dirt, rocks, lumber and furniture around a property in rural Pennsylvania.

It has 4X4 and oversized tires, a leather interior and it's pretty nice to drive. It also has an antiquated CD player and only two airbags.

I wanted to see what the latest pickups had to offer. The Ford F-150 is consistently the best-selling truck in the U.S., and the luxury version I tested was resoundingly modern. The leather seats are heated and cooled, the steering wheel electronically tilts and telescopes. There's a (much needed) backup video camera. It has a power moonroof, satellite radio and a 4.2-inch screen with navigation.

Under the hood

The 2011 Ford F-150 4X4 SuperCrew and 2012 Nissan Frontier 4X4 SV at a Glance:

- **Engines:** 3.5-liter twin-turbo EcoBoost V-6 with 365 hp and 420 lb-ft of torque; 4.0-liter V-6 with 261 hp and 281 lb-ft of torque.
- **Transmissions:** Six-speed automatic; five-speed automatic.
- **Gas mileage per gallon:** 15 city, 21 highway; 14, 19.
- **Prices as tested:** $52,075; $29,085.
- **Best features:** Powerful, efficient motor; more manageable size.
- **Worst features:** Nightmare side mirrors; needs technology updates.
- **Target buyers:** Person who needs a work truck with luxury elements; the driver who needs a smaller, simpler and less expensive truck.

Quoted — the takeaway

"The truck wars are fierce, and Ford has embraced a mix of the old and new in a compelling way. Meaty and modern, it's the one I'd pick up."

The beast is also huge. Intimidatingly so. Ford calls it a "SuperCrew." And with four full doors and plenty of room, it could easily fit the kind of guys who either favor hard hats and steel-toed boots or 10-gallon Stetsons and spurs.

It has a bed that it 5.5 feet long, ample for carrying a queen-sized mattress or half-cords of firewood, and you can opt for one that's a foot longer.

Once I get past the size, I begin to appreciate the elegance of Ford's EcoBoost motor. Yes, elegance. Rather than the brutish 5.0-liter V-8 of the standard F-150, the SuperCrew packs a twin-turbo, direct-injected V-6.

Rated at 365 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque, it's a slick piece of technology displacing only 3.5 liters, this engine has far more in common with a hot sports car.

The result is better gas mileage, relatively speaking; 15 miles per gallons city, 21 highway versus 14 and 19 for the regular 5.0-liter V-8. The V-6 also gets 40 more foot-pounds of torque than the bigger engine, providing the kind of muscle you need to power up hills while pulling a barge or trailer. For any sagacious truck guy, that's a bonus. (The V-6 costs about $900 more.)

It also means that power comes on quickly and seamlessly. The F-150 is peppy and powerful, depending on how you want to drive it. The handling is good. My wife Miranda drove and loved it. The size didn't bother her one whit.

The price set me back on my heels. The base price of this 2011 model was around $46,000, with more than $5,000 of options and a destination charge of almost $1,000. All in it carried a $52,075 price tag.

For my current lifestyle, a compact or midsize truck is better. So I spent a week driving the 2012 model of the Nissan Frontier 4X4. With a price of $29,085 as tested, it was a four-door model with a V-6 engine. Its SV trim wasn't much more luxurious than my 10-year-old model. In fact it had cloth seats that looked cheap and oddly, included no optional navigation system.

The truck wars are fierce, and Ford has embraced a mix of the old and new in a compelling way. Meaty and modern, it's the one I'd pick up.

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